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HOUSE BILL 1982

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AN ACT To amend Chapter 203 of the Private Acts of 1992, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the City of Greenfield.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Chapter 203 of the Private Acts of 1992, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the existing Section 5 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new Section 5:

Section 5. Elections for mayor and city aldermen shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:

(a) On the last Thursday in July, 2001, a nonpartisan, at-large, general municipal election, open to all electors, shall be conducted by the county election commission to elect a mayor and the four aldermen whose positions were last voted upon in 1997.

(1) The term of the mayor elected on the last Thursday in July, 2001, shall begin on the third Tuesday in August, 2001, and shall continue for three (3) years and three (3) months. The next election for

mayor shall occur on the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November, 2004. Thereafter, the mayor shall serve for a two (2) year term with the election to take place on the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November of every even numbered year, which date shall coincide with the United States congressional elections.

(2) The term of the four (4) aldermen elected on the last Thursday in July, 2001, shall begin on the third Tuesday in August, 2001, and shall continue for five (5) years and three (3) months. The next election for said four (4) alderman positions shall occur on the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November, 2006. Thereafter, the aldermen shall serve for a four-year term with the election to take place on the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November of every fourth year, which shall coincide with the United States congressional elections.

(b) The four (4) aldermanic positions which were last elected on the last Thursday in July, 1999, shall have their current terms extended beyond the initial four (4) years for which they were elected which was to expire on the last Thursday in July, 2003, to a total term of five (5) years and three (3) months. On the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November, 2004, a nonpartisan, at-large, general municipal election, open to all electors, shall be conducted by the county election commission to elect a mayor, pursuant to subsection (a) (1), and four (4) aldermen whose positions were last voted upon in 1999. Thereafter, the aldermen shall serve for a four-year term with the election to take place on the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November of every fourth year, which shall coincide with the United States congressional elections.

(c) The candidate for mayor having received the highest number of votes at an election shall be declared elected, and the four (4) candidates for alderman

having received the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote, the incumbent Board shall decide which of the candidates shall serve.

(d) Beginning with the elections to be held in 2004 and thereafter, the terms of office for the mayor and aldermen elected shall commence on the day of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

(e) Any qualified voter who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and who has been a resident of the city for at least one (1) year may be qualified as a candidate for the position of mayor or alderman.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective when it has been approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the Board, or alternatively, by a majority vote in a referendum held to approve this act within sixty (60) days of its signing by the governor of this state. The approval or nonapproval of the act by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall be certified by the Mayor of the City of Greenfield to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.